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1. I FINALLY WAS ABLE TO SEE MOFA PERMSEC MAJ. DAWIT
WOLDE-GHIORGIS MORNING JULY 6 TO ADVISE HIM OF
US DECISIONS RELATING TO MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP
TERMINATION. MY PRESENTATION FOLLOWED TALKING POINTS
LISTED BELOW (DRAWN FROM INSTRUCTIONS REFTELS), COPY
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OF WHICH I LEFT WITH DAWIT AS "BOUT DE PAPIER":

2. A. "RECENTLY, THE MATTER OF OUTSTANDING MILITARY
PURCHASES IN THE UNITED STATES BY YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN
RAISED WITH ME, AND I HAVE NOTED THAT IT WAS OUR PERCEPTION
AS A RESULT OF ACTIONS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO
MAAG, NAMRU, KAGNEW AND THE DEFENSE ATTACHE'S OFFICE,

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THE TERMINATION OF THE 1953 AGREEMENTS, AND THE WITH-
DRAWAL OF TRAINEES FROM THE U.S., THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT
WISHED TO TERMINATE OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP.

B. USG HAS THEREFORE BEEN STUDYING CAREFULLY THE
IMPLICATIONS OF THESE DECISIONS AND HAS NOW CONCLUDED
THAT THESE ACTIONS TERMINATING MILITARY COOPERATION
WITH US HAVE REMOVED THE LEGAL BASIS FOR OUR PROVISION
OF DEFENSE ARTICLES UNDER MAP, CREATED INSURMOUNTABLE
OBSTACLES TO FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) SUPPLIES
(I.E., END-USE AND RE-TRANSFER ASSURANCES), CLOSED THE
CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH SUCH ARTICLES HAVE BEEN FURNISHED,
AND REMOVED THE MECHANISM THROUGH WHICH WE COULD SATISFY
OUR OBLIGATION FOR VERIFICATION OF END-ITEM USE.

C. WE ARE, HOWEVER, AUTHORIZING DELIVERY OF THE
THREE COMMERCIALL PURCHASED PATROL BOATS MINUS ARMAMENT
THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED IN ETHIOPIA, AND OF

D. ALL ITEMS ALREADY DELIVERED TO YOUR GOVERNMENT'S
FREIGHT FORWARDER ON WHICH TITLE HAS PASSED TO ETHIOPIA.

E. WITH REGARD TO OTHER TIEMS FOR WHICH PROGRESS
PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, THERE ARE, AS YOUR EXCELLENCY
MAY KNOW, A NUMBER OF MATTERS OUTSTANDING BETWEEN US
HAVING FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, INCLUDING, FOR EXAMPLE,
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NOT ONLY YOUR PROGRESS PAYMENTS, BUT UNPAID LOAN
BALANCES, AND A NUMBER OF UNSETTLED MATTERS INCLUDING
UTILITY BILLS AND PROPERTY AT KAGNEW STATION. WE WILL
BE COMMUNICATING LATER WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT REGARDING
A SETTLEMENT OF THESE ACCOUNTS.

F. WHILE THIS TERMINATION OF THE US-ETHIOPIAN
MILITARY RELATIONSHIP IS REGRETTABLE AS REFLECTING
THE DECLINE THAT HAS OCCURRED IN OUR RELATIONS AS A
RESULT OF RECENT EVENTS, IT DOES LEAVE US IN A POSITION
TO CONCENTRATE ALL OUR EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THOSE
ASPECTS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO BROAD
MASSES OF NEEDY SEGMENTS OF POPULATION.

G. WE THEREFORE HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL NOW
PERMIT US TO PROCEED NOT ONLY WITH EXISTING AID PROJECTS
(E.G., PULSES DIVERSIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT) BUT ALSO
WITH AID PROJECTS WE HAVE PROPOSED ON WHICH YOUR
GOVERNMENT HAS TO DATE NOT SUBMITTED OFFICIAL REQUESTS
BUT WHICH WILL DIRECTLY SERVE THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AIMS OF THE REVOLUTION (E.G., UPPER DIDESSA,
RURAL ROADS, AND AGRICULTURAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT). WE

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HOPE YOUR GOVERNMENT SHARES OUR VIEW THAT A NORMAL
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, SUPPLEMENTED BY COOPERATION
IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS, WILL ACCURATELY REFLECT
THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WHICH WE HOPE TIME
AND GROWTH OF MUTUAL TRUST WILL ENABLE TO IMPROVE."

3. DAWIT'S RESPONSE WAS BRIEF, GENTLE, AND RELAXED.
SINCE HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE PROBABLY GAVE HIM BETTER
KNOWLEDGE OF ASSISTANCE PROBLEMS IN ETHIOPIA AND US
ACTIVITIES IN THAT REGARD THAN ANYONE ELSE IN MOFA, HE
FELT HE COULD SAY THAT AT LEAST PROPER ATMOSPHERE
REMAINED FOR USAID PERSONNEL TO FUNCTION PRODUCTIVELY
AND FOR TWO COUNTRIES TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONSHIP IN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FIELD. CERTAINLY HE WOULD TRY TO
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CONTINUE PROPER RELATIONSHIP IN THIS FIELD. ON ARMAMENTS,
DAWIT DID NOT COMMENT, SAYING ONLY THAT HE WOULD BRING
MATTER IMMEDIATELY TO ATTENTION OF PMAC CHAIRMAN
MENGISTU AND MIDEF AND MEET AGAIN WITH ME IF NECESSARY
TO CONVEY ANY REACTIONS.

4. DAWIT'S ATTITUDE WAS MODESTLY POSITIVE, AND IF HE
WAS UPSET BY ANY OF NEWS, HE CERTAINLY DID NOT SHOW IT.
REACTION FROM EPMG, IF ANY, WILL COME PRINCIPALLY FROM
OTHER QUARTERS, HOWEVER.
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